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**Applicant:** Mark Sheridan Westlake, et al.  
**Serial Number:** 09/582,371  
**Atty. Dkt:** RCA88858  
**Filing Date:** November 9, 2000  
**For:** METHOD AND INTERFACE FOR LINKING TERMS IN AN  
ELECTRONIC MESSAGE TO PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Art Unit:** 2611  
**Examiner:** Ngoc K. Vu

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

**Sir:**

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, for which a response is due February 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application, and enter the remarks and the enclosed IDS:

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**

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dependently on the extracted control command. See col. 1, lines 49-55. However, nowhere does Hirata disclose or suggest the features of comparing terms in the electronic message to terms in program information of the EPG, and displaying the electronic message so that any terms in the electronic message which have a match in the program information are distinguishable from terms which have no such match, as recited in claims 1 and 9.


### **Conclusion**

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

### **Fee**

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to [Mail Stop Amendment], Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on:

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